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1. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT PREPARED BY DOMEI INTERNATIONAL
BUREAU SERVE AS BASIS OF DISCUSSION IN PREPARING JOINT STATEMENT
TO BE ISSUED BY AFL-CIO AND DOMEI FOLLOWING CONCLUSION OF THEIR
TALKS IN TOKYO MARCH 9. PLEASE PASS IT TO AFL-CIO INTERNATIONAL
AFFAIRS DIRECTOR ERNEST LEE BEFORE HE DEPARTS WASHINGTON THIS
WEEKEND.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION
OF LABOUR AND CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS (AFL-CIO)
AND THE JAPANESE CONFEDERATION OF LABOUR (DOMEI) HELD
THEIR 10TH REGULAR MEETING IN TOKYO FROM MARCH 6 TO
MARCH 9, 1978.

BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED THEIR HIGH REGARD FOR THE
FRUITFUL RESULTS OF THE MEETINGS HELD DURING THE LAST
10 YEARS. FROM OUR LONG EXPERIENCE AND FROM THE FACT
THAT WE SHARE THE SAME BASIC PRINCIPLES, WE ARE CONFIDENT
THAT THE STRONG SOLIDARITY, MUTUAL TRUST AND DEEP
UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN US HAVE MADE A GREAT CONTRIBUTION
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TO THE CEMENTING OF FRIENDLY RELATINS BETWEEN OUR TWO
COUNTRIES.

WE EXAMINED IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC
POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ISSUES. ON THE POLITICAL SIDE,
WE DISCUSSED THE THREAT OF TOTALITARIANISM TO FREE WORKERS
IN ASIA AS WELL AS IN OTHER AREAS OF THE WORLD, THE DENIAL

OF HUMAN RIGHTS BY MANY GOVERNMENTS, THE DISTORTION OF THE ORIGINAL AIMS AND PRINCIPLES OF MANY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND THE WORLDWIDE TENSION CAUSED BY THE ARMS RACE AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR ARMS.

ON THE ECONOMIC SIDE, WE DISCUSSED THE CURRENT LONG TERM ECONOMIC RECESSION, THE SEIOUS PROBLEM OF UNEMPLOYMENT FACED BY WORKERS IN BOTH COUNTRIES, THE THREAT OF PRICE INCREASES WHICH DIRECTLY AFFECT THE LIVES OF WORKERS, AND OTHER IMPORTANT MATERS SUCH AS THE IMPACT OF THE MNCS, THE NORTH-SOUTH PROBLEM, INTERNATIONAL TRADE, THE APPRECIATION OF THE YEN AND THE DEVALUATION OF THE DOLLAR.

THE MEETING RECOGNIZED THAT VARIOUS COUNTRIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR MOVEMENT HAVE BEEN ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY DRASTIC CHANGES IN ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL CONDITIONS AND IT AFFIRMED THE NECESSITY OF THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS PLAYING AN EVEN MORE ACTIVE ROLE AND COOPERATING MORE FULLY WITH EACH OTHER IN ORDER TO SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS.

AT THE MEETING, THERE WAS AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM IN BOTH COUNTRIES. DOMEI EXPRESSED GREAT UNDERSTANDING OF THE CRITICAL UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION IN CERTAIN SECTORS IN THE UNITED STATES.

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BOTH FEDERATIONS RECOGNIZED THE SOCIAL PROBLEMS RESULTING FROM UNEMPLOYMENT. THEY NOTED THAT UNEMPLOYMENT CAUSES NOT ONLY ECONOMIC LOSSES, BUT ALSO TAKES A TOLL ON HUMAN BEINGS WHICH CANNOT BE MEASURED IN ECONOMIC TERMS. THEY EXPRESSED CONCERNFOR THE MENTAL ANXIETY OF THE UNEMPLOYED AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND FOR THE IMPAIRMENT OF HUMAN DIGNITY CAUSED BY UNEMPLOYMENT.

THE AFL-CIO AND DOMEI AGREED TO MAKE JOINT EFFORTS TO SOLVE THE UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEM.

THE MEETING RECOGNIZED THAT INTERNATIONAL TRADE MUST BE ON THE BASIS OF FREE TRADE, AND THAT A NEW ORDER IN IINTRNATIONAL TRADE IS REQUIRED TO SECURE EQUALITY, FAIRNESS, AND RECIPROCITY AND TO PROTECT WORKERS FROM HAVING TO BEAR THE BRUNT OF TRADE PROBLEMS.

AS FOR THE ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, THE MEETING AGREED TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION AT THE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS LEVEL AS WELL AS BETWEEN THEIR AFFILIATED INDUSTRIAL UNIONS, AND TO MAKE FURTHER EFFORTS TO SOLVE PROBLEMS BY PRIOR CONSULTATIONS BEFORE

THESE PROBLEMS REACH A CRITICAL STAGE.

THE MEETING NOTED THE WORLDWIDE LIMITATIONS ON ENERGY, FOOD, AND OTHER NATURAL RESOURCES. ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO RESOURCES OF THE SEA, THE AFL-CIO AGREED TO SUPPORT THE CONTINUATION OF FISHING OPERATIONS BY MEMBERS OF JAPANESE UNIONS WITHIN THE US 200 MILE ZONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH US FISH CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES.

BOTH FEDERATIONS AGREED TO PRESS THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS TO TAKE MEASURES TO ACHIEVE THEIR STATED ECONOMIC GROWTH RATE GOALS, TO STABILIZE COMMODITY PRICES, TO REALIZE AN EQUITABLE TAXATION SYSTEM AND A

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TAX REDUCTION, TO PROMOTE PUBLIC INVESTMENT, INCLUDING HOUSING CONSTRUCTION, AND TO IMPROVEMENTS IN THE ENVIRONMENT, AND IN SOCIAL FACILITIES, AND TO IMPLEMENT PROPER POLICIES ON RESOURCES AND ENERGY.

THE MEETING DEPLORED THE POLITICALLY-MOTIVATED DISTORTIONS, THE DISREGARD OF ORIGINAL AIMS AND PURPOSES, AND THE LACK OF UNIVERSAL APPLICATION OF CONVENTIONS IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE ILO.

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DOMEI EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE US WOULD RETURN

TO THE ILO AND PLEDGED ITS BEST EFFORTS TO CORRECT THE CURRENT SITUATION IN THESE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, ESPECIALLY IN THE ILO, IN ORDER TO PREPARE THE CONDITIONS NECESSARY FOR THE US RETURN TO THE ILO.

DOMEI HOPED THAT THE AFL-CIO WOULD RETURN TO THE ICFTU IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN THE INTERNATIONAL FREE LABOR MOVEMENT.

THE MEETING AGREED THAT MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS HAVE GIGANTIC ECONOMIC POWER AND THAT THEY HAVE SERIOUS SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT ON BOTH THEIR COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN AND THEIR HOST COUNTRIES BY PRODUCING UNEMPLOYMENT AT HOME OR VIOLATING THE RIGHTS OF LABOR, BOTH IN THE HOME AND HOST COUNTRIES.

THE FEDERATIONS OF BOTH COUNTRIES AFFIRMED THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY OF WORKERS IN ORDER TO RESIST THOSE MULTINATIONAL CORPORATION WHICH PURSUE ONLY THEIR OWN PROFITS AND IGNORE THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF WORKERS.

WHILE ATTACHING GREAT IMPORTANCE TO INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY WITH THE WORKERS OF J.P. STEVENS, TH MEETING AGREED TO STRENGTHEN SUCH SOLIDARITY EVEN MORE AGAINST UNCLASSIFIED

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OTHER MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS.

WE URGED THAT THE OECD CODE ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS BE EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENTED ON THE BASIS OF THE SPIRIT IN WHICH IT WAS ADOPTED, AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WOULD ENACT EVEN MORE EFFECTIVE CONVENTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT.

THE MEETING NOTED THAT THE ASIAN LABOR MOVEMENT FACED AN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT SITUATION, BOTH POLITICALLY AND ECONOMICALLY. THE AFL-CIO AND DOMIE AGREED TO SUPPORT EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES OF ASIAN TRADE UNIONS IN ORDER TO STRENGTHEN THEM, AND TO EXTEND TO THEM BOTH PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL ASSISTANCE WHICH MEET THE REAL SITUATION IN THEIR COUNTRIES.

THE AFL-CIO SUPPORTED THE DOMEI CAMPAIGN FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE NORTHERN ISLANDS TO JAPAN. THE MEETING DEMANDED THAT THE USSR SHOULD MAKE AN ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF THESE TERRITORIES AND SHOULD RETURN THEM TO JAPAN.

IN ORDER TO RESPOND MORE EFFECTIVELY TO CHANGING CONDITIONS AS WELL AS TO PROMOTE MORE FREQUENT EXCHANGES

OF INFORMATION AND TO DISCUSS MUTUAL NEEDS, WE AGREED TO HOLD MEETINGS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE OF DOMEI/AFL-CIO JOINT COMMITTEE AS THE OCCASION REQUIRES. DOMEI AND THE AFL-CIO ALSO AGREED TO PROMOTE MUTUAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS AT THE INDUSTRIAL UNION LEVEL. THEY AGREED TO HOLD THE NEXT MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. DURING 1979. END TEXT.

3. FOLLOWING AFL-CIO DELEGATION'S COURTESY CALL ON
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AMBASSADOR 8:30 A.M. MODANY MORNING, DOMEI HAS ARRANGED CALL ON MINISTER USHIBA AT FOREIGN OFFICE.
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